

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously Presented) A baseboard assembly installed in a junction region where a lower edge of a generally vertical wall meets a side edge of a generally horizontal floor, comprising:

a base portion having a back surface and an opposed front surface, the base portion further having a lower end and an upper end, the base portion being installed in the junction region with the back surface against the wall and the lower end adjacent the floor, the upper end of the base portion being sloped downwardly from the front surface to the back surface; and

a top portion having a back surface and an opposed front surface, the top portion further having a lower end and an upper end, the lower end of the top portion being sloped downwardly from the front surface to the back surface, the top portion being installed with the back surface adjacent the wall and the sloped lower end is adjacent the sloped upper end of the base portion;

wherein the base portion and top portion have dissimilar cross sections when taken perpendicular to the respective back surfaces.

2. (Previously Presented) The baseboard assembly according to claim 1, wherein the base portion and the top portion are both elongated members such that the base portion extends along the wall adjacent the floor.

3. (Original) The baseboard assembly according to claim 2, wherein the base portion and the top portion both have the same length in the elongated direction

4. (Previously Presented) The baseboard assembly according to claim 1, wherein the baseboard assembly is installed at a generally vertical corner where the wall meets an adjoining wall, the base portion and the top portion each having a generally rectangular horizontal cross section

5. (Original) The baseboard assembly according to claim 1, wherein the upper end of the base portion comprises a sloped surface that forms an angle with the front surface of the base portion and the lower end of the top portion comprises a sloped surface that forms substantially the same angle with the back surface of the top portion.

6. (Original) The baseboard assembly according to claim 5, wherein the angles are in the range of 30 to 60 degrees.

7. (Original) The baseboard assembly according to claim 5, wherein the angles are in the range of 40 to 50 degrees.

8. (Original) The baseboard assembly according to claim 5, wherein the angles are approximately 45 degrees.

9. (Original) The baseboard assembly according to claim 1, wherein the base portion and the top portion each have a thickness as measured between the respective back and front surfaces, the thicknesses being substantially the same.

10. (Previously Presented) The baseboard assembly according to claim 1, wherein the base portion and the top portion are formed from a single piece of wood such that the grain of the top portion generally matches the grain of the base portion.

11. (Original) The baseboard assembly according to claim 1, wherein the base portion has a recess formed where the back surface meets the upper end.

12. (Original) The baseboard assembly according to claim 1, wherein the top portion has a recess formed where the back surface meets the lower end.

13. (Original) A method of forming the baseboard assembly of claim 1, comprising the steps of:

providing an elongated board having a front surface and an opposed back surface;
cutting the board lengthwise at a non-perpendicular angle to the front surface such that the board forms the base portion and the top portion.

14. (Cancelled)

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16. (Previously Presented) A baseboard assembly installed in a junction region where a lower edge of a generally vertical wall meets a side edge of a generally horizontal floor, comprising:

a base portion having a back surface and an opposed front surface, the base portion further having a lower end and an upper end, the base portion being installed in the junction region with the back surface against the wall and the lower end adjacent the floor, substantially the entirety of the lower end of the base portion being generally flat and perpendicular to the back surface, the upper end of the base portion being sloped downwardly from the front surface to the back surface; and

a top portion having a back surface and an opposed front surface, the top portion further having a lower end and an upper end, the lower end of the top portion being sloped downwardly from the front surface to the back surface, the top portion being installed with the back surface adjacent the wall and the sloped lower end adjacent the sloped upper end of the base portion.

17. (Previously Presented) A baseboard assembly installed in a junction region where a lower edge of a generally vertical wall meets a side edge of a generally horizontal floor, comprising:

a base portion having a back surface and an opposed generally parallel front surface, the base portion further having a lower end and an upper end, the base portion being installed in the junction region with the back surface against the wall and the lower end adjacent the floor, the lower end of the base portion being generally flat and perpendicular to the back surface, the upper end of the base portion being sloped downwardly from the front surface to the back surface; and

a top portion having a back surface and an opposed front surface, the top portion further having a lower end and an upper end, the lower end of the top portion being sloped downwardly from the front surface to the back surface, the top portion being installed with the back surface adjacent the wall and the sloped lower end adjacent the sloped upper end of the base portion

18. (Currently Amended) [[The]] A method of ~~using the~~ installing a baseboard assembly of ~~claim 1~~, comprising:

providing the baseboard assembly of claim 1;

installing the base portion in the junction region with the back surface against the wall and the lower end adjacent the floor; and

after installing the base portion, installing the top portion above the base portion with the back surface of the top portion against the wall and the sloped lower end of the top portion engaging the sloped upper end of the base portion.